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FOR AMBASSADOR TOON FROM SECRETARY KREPS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UR, EEWT, OVIP

SUBJECT: TIMING OF SECRETARY KREPS' VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

REF: MOSCOW 08061

1. I REGRET THE MISUNDERSTANDING THAT HAS RESULTED FROM HAROLD SCOTT'S DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW WITH MINISTER PATOLICHEV. LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT WE IN NO WAY 'COMMISSIONED" HIM TO DISCUSS DATES FOR MY VISIT TO MOSCOW. ASSISTANT SECRETARY WEIL HAS SPOKEN TO SCOTT SINCE HIS RETURN AND OUR UNDERSTANDING NOW IS THAT MINISTER PATOLICHEV PROPOSED THE DATES. THERE WAS, OF COURSE, NO CONFIDENTIAL

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INSTRUCTION TO SCOTT THAT HE ACT AS MY INTERMEDIARY. AS IT TURNS OUT, HE MAY NOT HAVE OVERSTEPPED HIS BOUNDS.

2. SINCE SOME CONFUSION MAY HAVE ARISEN, HOWEVER, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INSURING THAT MINISTER PATOLICHEV UNDERSTANDS THE SITUATION; THAT SCOTT WAS NOT ACTING AS MY EMISSARY, AND THAT WHEN THE TIME COMES FOR DETERMINING AN

APPROPRIATE DATE, I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH THE MINISTER THROUGH YOUR CHANNELS IN THE REGULAR WAY.

3. I REMAIN VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN A VISIT TO THE U.S.S.R. AND APPRECIATE YOUR INDICATION REFTEL THAT YOU CONTINUE TO WELCOME IT. THE JULY DATES SUGGESTED DO NOT APPEAR FEASIBLE. MY POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN THE FALL JOINT COMMISSION AND TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETINGS IS UNDER CONSIDERATION AND UNTIL THAT IS RESOLVED I CAN'T COMMIT TO ANY DATES. VANCE

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